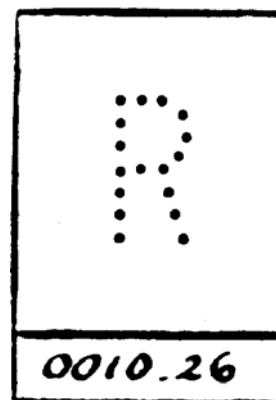


Member's Queries

Member Charles Fairweather asked Dave Hill about perfin R0010.26. The perfin, a large letter "R", was used fairly recently, from 1975 to 1986, yet strangely it has not been identified. Dave thought that it would be easy to discover the identity of the user of such a recent perfin. At first it is known used from London but it is known with later dates from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.



Dave has a ½p with this pmk and Charles has 3 x 3½p and 2 x 1p on a cover to Peter Day, once a member and one of our first auctioneers.

I, Ed, have 7 different values to 15½p all postmarked Bury St Edmunds with the latest date of November 1st 1986.

Charles also has it on the £1, £2 and £5 large format Machin high values. They are each cancelled by signing in biro: not a postman's pen cancel. He can even read part of the name Yvonne on one! (each signature is different) and the backs of the stamps have red, stamp sized boxes on as though they have been soaked off some kind of paper. Can anyone think of a fiscal use for these perfins or is it Dave's suspicious nature that makes him think that the stamps may have been perfined after use to try to make otherwise worthless stamps, collectable?